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Brother Phelps,

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After so long a silence between us, permit me to inquire how you are prospering. This I had the pleasure of seeing your wife a few moments last summer at Fannington, I believe a number of years have elapsed since we last met. I hope you will in answer to these few lines, etc. long report yourself. As to myself & old friends I have not much to say at present. I seem to be a sort of fixtus in this place; having twice attempted to get away, for what I considered a better field of usefulness; and did not succeed, tho' the reluctance of my people to give me up. I have a pleasant location & a dear & excellent people, among whom I have been much blessed. But like yourself I have been called to pass thro' & give of domestic afflictions. My once happy home has been made a desert. But in my consternation, I trust God has not forsaken me; & at times he has given me & spirit of "Songs in the night." Three years since, I bought & fitted up a horse in this village, & in about a year & a half, it became & horse of death to that bosom friend who, its ^{constituted} principal charm. Since when, I have been ~~on~~ a solitary boarder in my own habitation; (with the exception of 10 weeks absence at West on a journey last summer) The late winter & the previous were seasons of considerable religious interest

& of & dews of divine blessing among my peo. Unitarianism here, as such, is about defunct. For the last 3 years that Soc: has been able to have only a ^{preacher} cheap steam, whom they could get cheap, & it is doubtful whether they can continue him long. My people increased my salary 4 years since, & divine Providence has in various respects prospered ^{of Plainfield, a college, & &c} the congregation. Brother Rockwell is to be dismissed soon, chiefly for lack of support. His ^{classmate} Chas Rockwell at was lately at Plainfield, on his way for N.Y., whether he had and been to see about getting his narrative of travels published. I am told he has become as fat as a porpoise, down on the Cape Cod. James Smith is doing finely, I am told at Glastonbury, ~~Conn.~~; is active as a pastor, & is highly regarded as a preacher. He is becoming a great man, & is already approximating ^{to} supremacy. You probably have intelligence as often as I do.

Now a word as to business. Can you consistently make some inquiries for me? I wish to invest 5 or 6 hundred dollars soon, in some safe State, where I may reasonably expect good interest. I have thought of buying 5 shares in the Boston & Worcester Rail Road. It sells about 5 or 6 cents above par. That road must in future have an immense will travel; & it has struck me, it must be good stock for a permanent investment. If I do not put it there, I shall probably put it in bank stock. I believe that rail road stock has recently paid 6 per cent, & I suppose the prospect is, &

Stock will be higher in future years. Will you
not make inquiries of some persons of good judgment,
acquainted with the matter, whether it would be a safe &
the good investment, for one who does not wish perplexity
with money matters. What are the regular times in the
year for dividends on that stock? I understand new stock
is to be created for the laying of the double track. When is
it to be created? When done, will it be put to subscribers
at par, or be sold for less it will fetch over par? Have
any of the avails of the road been applied towards the new track
thus far? "Cook & Gale" of your city have a public sale of stocks
of various kinds every Saturday. There is another sale every
Wednesday by a Mr. Brown; & Street & number, I cannot
give. If authorized, they would buy any kind of stock, at the
lowest price. Must the money be on hand at the time of
purchase. In other words, could they not buy a few shares
for me, & give me a week in which to forward the money?
Should I purchase, would you receive & pay over the
money for me; shall you be in the city for 2 or 3 weeks
say to come? Make sufficient inquiries, & then write
in me, if you are willing to take the trouble. If you can have
answer prepared by Monday morning, perhaps a friend of mine
will call & take it. If not, send by mail in the course of
a week if convenient. Yrs fraternally G. J. Tilton.

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